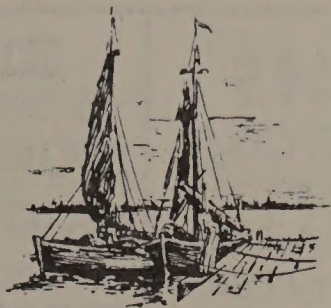


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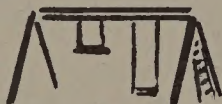
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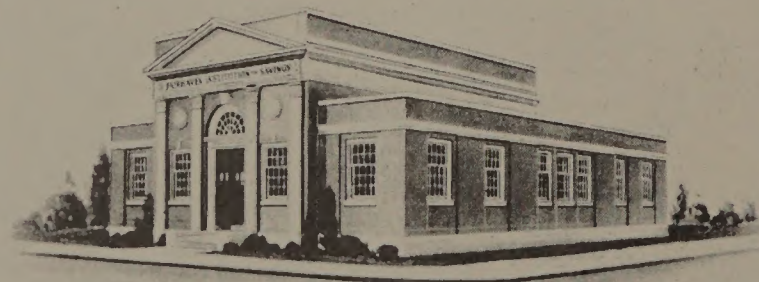
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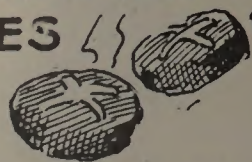
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MATTAPOISETT JUVENILE GRANGE ENTERTAINS AT WAREHAM

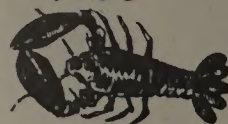
Eleven members and officers visited with West Wareham Juvenile Grange on Thursday, February 24th and furnished the lecturer's program. Taking part in the program were Cathrine Souza, piano selections; Denise Johnson, saxophone solo; and an appropriate poem on "Measles" by Clifton Cray. The program was announced by Nancy Corcoran.

Members attending were Carol Dunn, Kathleen Sylvia, Cathrine Sousa, Denise Johnson, Joyce Harriman, Nancy Corcoran, Clifton, Wayne and Terry Cray, Warren Vaughan and Martha Heuberger.

They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ricketson, Donald Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Leumuel LeBaron, Mr. Carlton Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. George Sousa and Mrs. Helmuth Heuberger, Jr.

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At the February 18th meeting of the Mattapoissett Juvenile Grange, they enjoyed a triple celebration, their 20th birthday anniversary, Washington and Lincoln's birthdays and Valentine's Day.

During the business meeting, conducted by the Maister, Denise Johnson, past masters, Francis Hyland, Bradley Barrows and Leonard Randall were conducted to the chairs of honor at the master's station. All spoke briefly, congratulating the members and officers. It was voted to send \$1.00 to the March of Dimes, and to accept an invitation to neighbor with West Wareham Juveniles on February 24th and take part in the program, also to send a note of congratulations to Mr. Samuel Brightman, an honorary member, in honor of his receiving his 50 year jewel.

Nancy Corcoran, cake sale chairman, reported a profit of \$9.00 from the sale.

Lecturer's march prizes were won by Joyce Harriman and Carol Dunn.

Refreshment Committee for the March 4th meeting is Francis Hyland, chairman, Susan Luiz, Mary Reed, Michael Moreau and Nancy Corcoran.

The birthday cake made by master Denise Johnson was cut by Past master Francis Hyland and served with ice cream.

Valentine candies were used for the lecturer's march with each member receiving a valentine.

Short life History's of Washington was read by Mary Reed, and Lincoln, by Nancy Corcoran. The Washington game was won by Francis Hyland,

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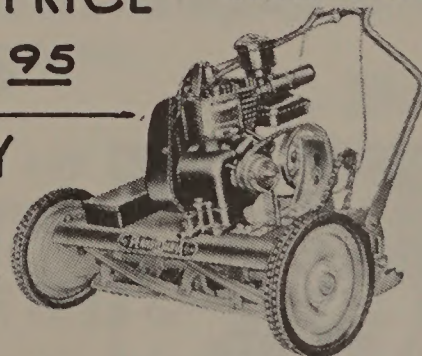
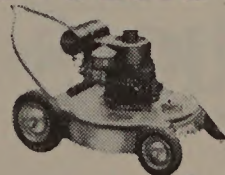
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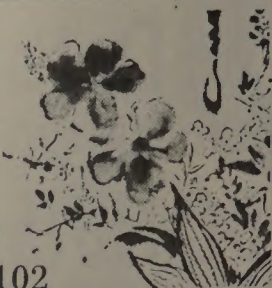
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PARTIES CONCLUDE DANCING CLASSES

The Dancing Classes, which have been held
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vestry, sponsored by the Women's Community
Guild, were concluded Friday evening with
each group having a party.

The first class was received by Mr. and
Mrs. George Ward and Mr. and Mrs. John M.
Souza, Jr. Prize winners for the waltz were
Pauline Valladoa and Gerald Hopkins. Prize
fox-trot winners were Mary Cabral and Peter
Sawyer, and the broom dance winners Jean
Lessard and Paul Morris. Following the
elimination dance, the grand march was led
by Pauline Valladoa and David Souza and
they were crowned king and queen.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Furnans and Mr. and
Mrs. Laurence N. Raymond received the second
class. The prize waltz was won by Carol
Sherman and Stephen Vaitses, the polka by
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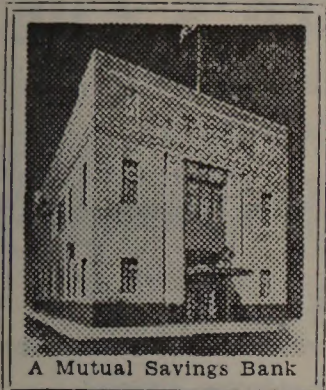
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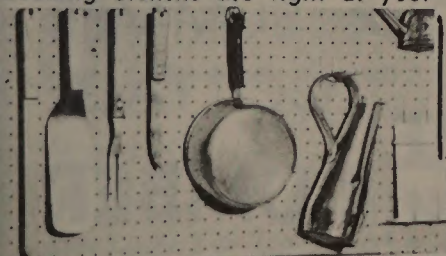
Mrs. Richard B. Young, parties chairman, was helped at the first party by Mmes. Morton Pierce Marcus L. Foster, David H. Turner and Joseph Lessard, and Mmes. Richard H. Blasdale, George E. Montgomery, Edward S. Wilber and Arthur Schrage at the second party.

General Committee in charge of enrollment were Mmes. Robert A. Bailey, William H. Winters, Harry G. Erhard, Ira Hiller II, Albert Goodwin, Richard B. Young, Frank Cooper, Wilfred Moss, Marcus L. Foster, Richard A. Toomey, William H. Matthews and Allen L. Sherman, with Mrs. Albert D. Furnans, chairman. Attendance records at the weekly classes were kept by Mmes. Russell Sherman, Arthur L. Peck and Howard H. Smith. Mrs. Laurence N. Raymond had charge of publicity. Instructress for the series was Mrs. Andrew J. Alden with Mrs. John M. Lancaster the accompanist.

MATTAPOISETT JUVENILES VISIT WITH WATUPPA

On Saturday afternoon, February 26th, the Mattapoisett Juvenile Grange members attended the Watuppa Juvenile meeting, furnishing part of the program. The program, announced by Nancy Corcoran, consisted of a solo "Galway Bay" by Joyce Harriman, accompanied by Mr. Ricketson on the autoharp; the poem "Measles" by Clifton Cray; and selections on the autoharp and the orchestra bells by Mr. Charles Ricketson.

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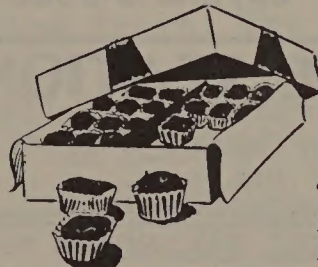
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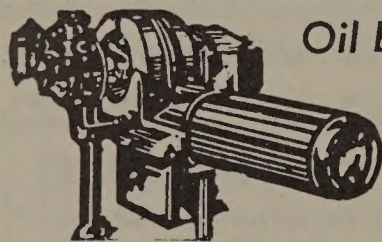
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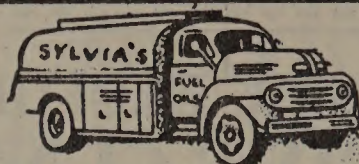
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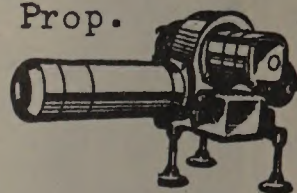
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Miss Katherine E. Stebbins of West Springfield to Mr. Clark B. Schaaf of Springfield has been announced. Miss Stebbins is the daughter of Harlen S. Stebbins of Greenfield and the late Mary S. Stebbins. She was graduated from Greenfield High School in 1951 and from the Post-graduate Medical Assistant course at Springfield Trade school. She is employed by Dr. Charles A. Diamond of West Springfield.

Mr. Schaaf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Schaaf, Sr. of Stoughton, is the grandson of Mrs. Calvin Perkins of North Street, Mattapoissett. He was graduated from Stoughton High School in 1951 and is now a senior at Springfield College. He works at Holden Patent Book Cover Co., is student aid to Dr. Fred Bratton at Springfield College, and is a student assistant at Hope Congregational Church. He plans to center Harvard University Divinity school in September.

A late summer wedding is planned.

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A quilt was tied at the meeting of the Woman's Guild of the First Congregational Church of Rochester.

The Men's Fellowship had charge of the program in the church vestry on February 27th.

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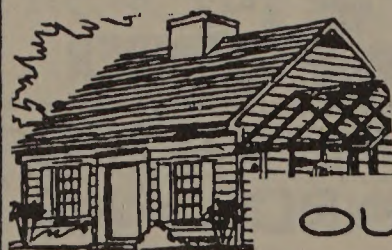
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 My thoughts were turned to nature; t'was
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 As I saw a little birdy sitting in a tree
 Snow was on the ground, cold as it could be.
 And the little birdy sang a mournful little
 tune
 So I knew that he was wishing it was the
 first of June.
 He only stayed a little while; then off
 again he flew.
 But the sight of that poor birdy made me
 rather blue.

We're often quite forgetful of our little
 feathered friend
 Whose usefulness to all of us we surely
 can commend.
 We've food to eat and friends to care; always
 there's the old arm chair
 With some to listen to our woe about how
 humans come and go.

When life gets sort of dreary and the sun
 can't seem to shine,
 It's time to do some thinking about the good
 old summer time
 And how the birds will fly around and be so
 glad to see the ground
 Where they can feed and fill their crops and
 watch the children spin their tops.

And we can tread with lordly stride and view
 the spaces green and wide
 And see the flowers come to life behind the
 rocks where they did hide.
 Tide and time for no man waits, but keep on
 passing by.

If lonely thoughts we harbour, we'll have
 tear drops in our eye.

When happy thoughts we're thinking, they
 drive the lonesome ones away
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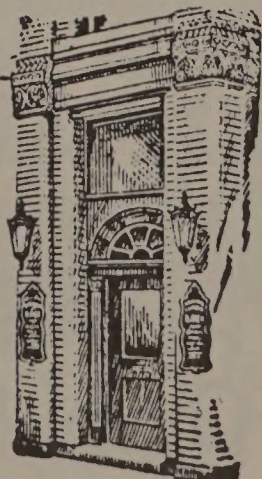
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I'm also very grateful I've got good friends like you.

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We would like to print the names of the fishermen who appeared Feb. 17th on the cover but unfortunately we received several names for each fisherman. We thank all the people who were interested enough to try to identify them for us and we know that some must be right. Doggoned if we know who. Reading from left to right

- 1) Randall - Ezria Barstow - Howes
- 2) Benjamin Kinney - Lonzo Kinney - Edgar Dexter - Mel Downing
- 3) Vaughan - Alex Bowman - Robinson Jerry Randall
- 4) Joseph Robinson - Bowman
- 5) Charles Bolles - Mel Downing - A.B. Bowman - Benjamin Kinney

Tankey Hiller

- 6) A.B. Bowman - Benjamin Parker - Cull Hiller - Peacock - George Downing
- 7) Bell Kinney - George Downing
- 8) Alonzo Jason (our choice)
- 9) Unknown
- 10) Walter Bowman - Ezra Brightman

There seems to be a slight difference of opinion so we suggest that you take your pick.

Mrs. R. Downing writes that Mr. Otis Downing and his two sons George and Mell are on the cover. Mr. Downing was a butcher in the town for many years.

CELEBRATED 10th BIRTHDAY

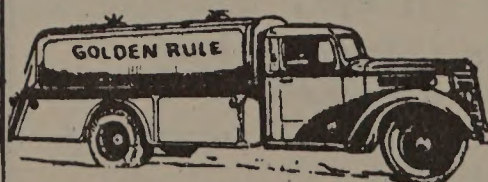
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Miss Edith Eccles, formerly of Marion Road, Mattapoissett, is a patient at Faulkner Hospital in Jamaica Plain, Mass.

CARDINAL TROOP GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Cardinal Troop of Girl Scouts held a Hot Dog Roast at the home of Mrs. Mabel Vaitses with 42 girls and 6 leaders attending. Games led by Susan Erhard were enjoyed and also a nature hunt under the direction of Mrs. Mary Sylvia.

The girls that are working towards their first class badge helped the second class group with part of their outdoor requirements.

The leaders and girls wish to thank all who helped with the transportation.

The regular meeting will be held in the Congregational Church vestry Wednesday afternoon. Girls are asked to bring in cookie money and back dues.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A meeting of the Friends Sewing Group, held at the home of Mrs. Byron P. Dunn, Point Connett on Thursday, February 24th, turned into a surprise birthday party for Miss Eunice Ransom who was celebrating her 80th birthday.

A beautifully decorated birthday cake was brought by Mrs. Helen Hiller and tea was served by the hostess.

Others present were Miss Esther Bowman, Miss Edith Westgate, Mrs. Emma Dexter, Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Mrs. Florence Dexter, Mrs. Lucille Hande and Mrs. Clara Luce.

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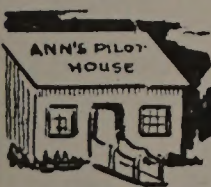


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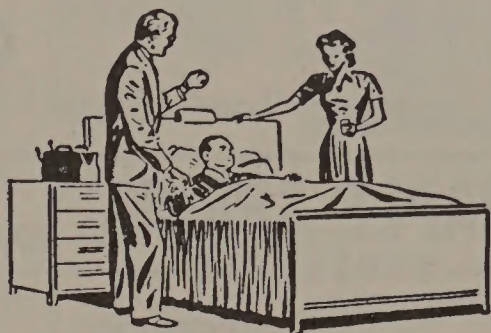
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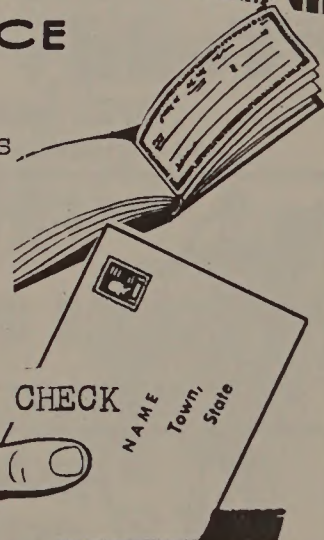
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LITTLE ARTHUR

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The letters of Captain Benjamin Briggs and his wife written before the Mary Celeste sailed show careful solicitation for their son Arthur whom they left in Marion in care of his grandmother. The captain wrote to his mother, "I wrote James to pay you for A's board and rent. If he forgets call on him, also for any money that may be necessary for clothes Please get Eben to see if his skates are all right and the holes in his new thick boot heels. I hope he'll keep well as I think if he does he'll be some help as well as company for you."

Arthur's mother wrote to him: "I suppose you have been to meeting and Sunday School today with Grandma and Uncle James. I hope you heard some good things that you will not soon forget.....I think if you remember that verse in your "First Reader" beginning, 'I will not fear,' you will not be afraid to go after milk if it is dark.

"Tell both Grandma's I shall write to them very soon. Try to get plenty of wood in for Grandma Briggs because you are the man of the house now you know.

In her next letter to Arthur his mother writes to acknowledge the receipt of a printed letter from him and continues:

"When you write again tell how you get along in arithmetic and spelling, and if you have learned to skate. If grandmother hasn't got any other bedtime for you I think you had better go to bed every night at half past seven, so as to feel bright in the morning.

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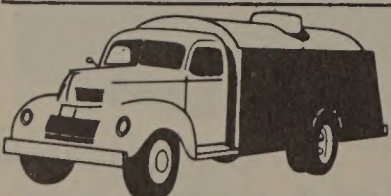


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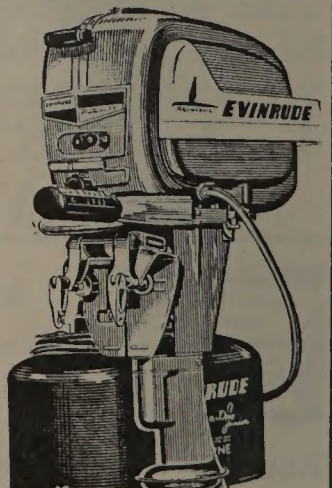
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So little seven year old Arthur studied his arithmetic and spelling, and after school screwed his wooden bottomed skates into his thick boot-heels and skated with his cousin Natie during that winter which was to make them both orphans. Little Arthur brought in the stove wood from the wood shed because he was the man of the house, and when he walked through the black pine woods to fetch the milk for his grandmother, he tried not to mind the hoot-owls, but to remember the verse beginning "I will not fear".

All through the winter his grandmother shielded him from the knowledge of the disappearance of his father, his mother, and his little sister. But in the spring he must have known, when he saw the beds and chairs and the family belongings moved out of his own home and distributed to others. Doubtless his grandmother with breaking heart told him as gently as she could and kept alive in him the hope that he would some day be rejoined by his dear ones.

A year passed by and then arrived strange packages bearing the seal of the U. S. Consul at Gibraltar. When they were opened he gazed with silent grief on his mother's melodeon, his father's ceremonial sword, and among many other articles two dolls,-- motherly little Sophy's Daisy and Sarah Jane with her broken arm.

Another year passed and with it his last

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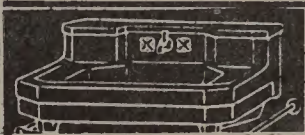
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hopes, for during that year he was sent to Uxbridge, Mass. to live with his uncle, the Reverend William H. Cobb, who had been appointed his legal guardian. There he grew up as older brother in a family of five happy children.

WELCOME TO MATTAPOISETT

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel C. Oliviera, Jr. and children Carol Ann and Wayne, have taken up residence on Fairhaven Road. They are the new owners and operators of Tex's. They moved here February 12th, have completely renovated and put in operation the gas station, variety store and are planning to operate the cabins. In the short time they have been here they have found our town a nice place. The co-operation received from the selectmen and townspeople has left a deep impression on them and is deeply appreciated. We bid them welcome and invite you to stop in and make them feel at home here.

VISITED AUNT AND UNCLE

Priscilla Vaughan of Rochester visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kucharski of New Bedford over the holiday.

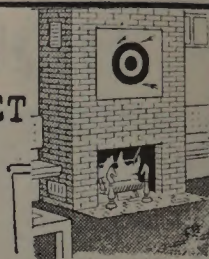
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Miss Josephine P. White, formerly of Rochester, is a patient at Massachusetts General Hospital, convalescing from an eye operation.

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DUE HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Raymond H. Shurtleff is due back from overseas duty in Germany this week. He and Mrs. Shurtleff, formerly of the Center. School teaching staff and residents of Randall Road, Mattapoisett, will reside in their newly purchased home on Maple Avenue, Fairhaven.

Ray, a partner with his dad, Ward H. Shurtleff at Modern Sales Co. on Route 6 in Fairhaven, is expected to again become actively engaged in the business.

CELEBRATED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood Hartley of Rochester observed their wedding anniversary on February 22nd. Most people in the know think it was their 33rd, and if this shouldn't be right, it is in the close vicinity.

JUVENILE GRANGE MEETING FRIDAY

The Mattapoisett Juvenile Grange will meet this Friday, March 4th at the Grange Hall at 7:30 P. M.

West Wareham and Watuppa Juvenile Granges will be guests.

Members are requested to bring in comic books. There will be candy for sale on the Home and Community Service Table.

HOLIDAY GUEST

A holiday guest of Mrs. Mary Hartley of Cushman Road, Rochester was Mrs. Mary Lawrence.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN VOTERS FROM 1954

There has a been slight increase in the number of Mattapoisett voters over 1954 as reported by Town Clerk Joseph Magilton. In 1954 there was a total of 1,396 and now the number stands at 1,415.

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP BOARD TO MEET

The executive board of the Junior Youth Fellowship of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church will meet Wednesday evening, March 2nd from 7:30 to 9 P. M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Turner, Church Street.

IN THE ROCHESTER LEAGUE AT BOWL-MOR ALLEYS

Led by Barney Jefferson's 356 the Rounseville Saw Mill took 4 from Center Garage (Dona Ouellette 306).

Edgar O'Neil, Jr.'s. 378 was high for the night and led Hartley's Garage to a 4 point win over the Baptist Church (Art Tripp 369).

Bettencourt's Market (Merritt Sylvaria 362) took 3 from the Firemen (Joe Pare 336).

Marion Launderette (Walt Pierce 342) took 3 from Hartley Saw Mill (Ralph Gurney 347).

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 7th, 1955

TOWN ELECTION MARCH 8th, 1955

Our town has received some unfavorable publicity recently with regards an increase in our tax rate in the event all articles in the warrant should be voted for favorably. The implication of such an advance per thousand, in our rate, has already had adverse effect on property owners decision to rebuild until they have assurance such will not be the case. All town meetings are most important but this one is surely one that calls for careful thought and large attendance. Attend this meeting, and when you vote use your head, your heart and plenty of common sense.

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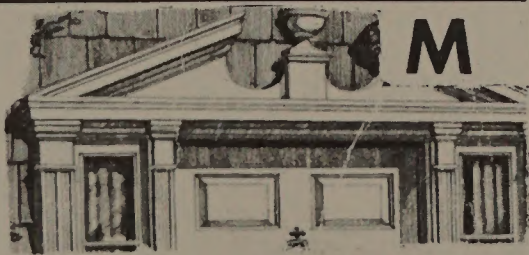
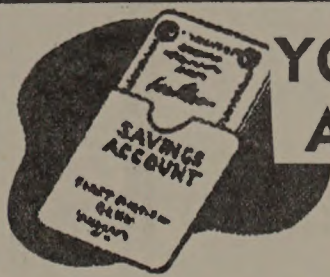


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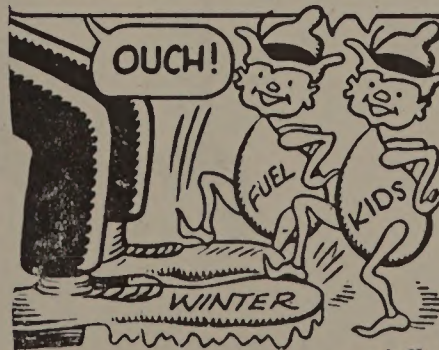
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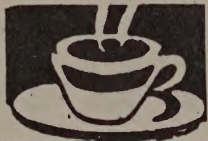
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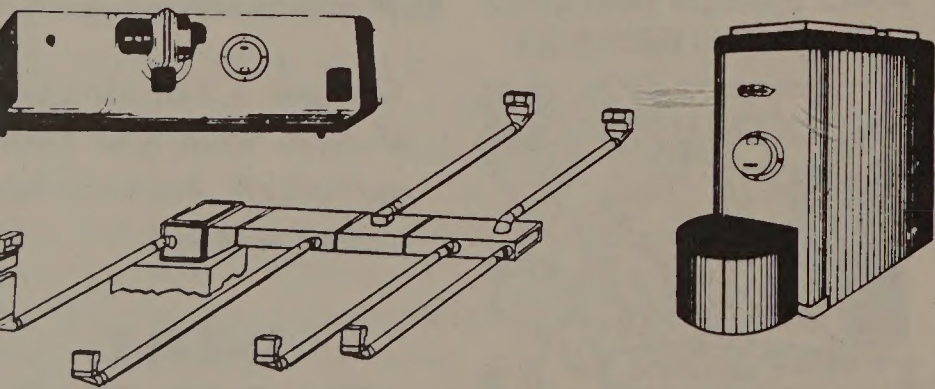
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ROCHESTER GRANGE MEET

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